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American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)



The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) is a Washington-based higher education association of nearly 420 public colleges, universities and systems whose members share a learning and teaching-centered culture, a historic commitment to underserved student populations and a dedication to research and creativity that advances their regions' economic progress and cultural development. AASCU's Office of International Education supports member institutions in their efforts to prepare students for work, life and citizenship in an increasingly globalized world. Working with partners from across the globe, the Office provides an array of programming to strengthen member campuses' capacity to make international connections and engage with the global community. This programming includes professional development opportunities for administrators and faculty members, campus site visits, presidential missions to foreign countries, and the development and coordination of student exchange programs in China and other countries.

Working with partners from across the world, the Office of International Education focuses on providing quality services to members in key areas:

Academic & Professional Development:

- new! American Studies Program - AASCU and USCF-Argentina (annually)
- new! World 101: Global Civic Literacy – AASCU and Council on Foreign Relations (annually)
- China Studies Institute (annually; June) – webinar format through October 8, 2020
- Japan Studies Institute (annually; June)
- Visiting Instructor Program – China (year-round)
- China-US Rising Star Student Study Tour (bi-annually; January & May) – webinar format throughout December 2020
- Scholarships for Undergraduate Study Abroad in China (short term, semester and year-long scholarships available)

Program Development:

- Campus Site Visits (year-round)
- Presidential Missions (annually; March)

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American Association of Teachers of Japanese (AATJ)



The American Association of Teachers of Japanese (AATJ) is an international, 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-political organization of teachers, scholars, and students of Japanese language, literature, and linguistics, which works to promote study of the Japanese language at all levels of instruction in the field and to broaden and deepen knowledge and appreciation of Japan and its culture.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- The Bridging Clearinghouse to promote study abroad in Japan by U.S. students. As part of the program, AATJ works with the US-Japan Bridging Foundation to award approximately 100 Bridging Scholarships to undergraduates at US colleges and universities. The program began in 1997; the first scholarships were awarded in 1999; more than two thousand scholarships have now been awarded. The program is currently on hold because travel to Japan for study abroad (or other purposes) is not permitted this year. The project is working in the meantime to improve outreach to minority populations who have been underrepresented in study abroad to Japan, with the aim of increasing the number of applications from those groups, in particular from students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).
- Conferences, workshops, and training programs for Japanese language educators at all levels of instruction. These programs are being presented online this year, and AATJ is working with other organizations such as the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) and the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) to develop collaborative online programming and platforms.
- Professional development and mentoring for Japanese language educators at all levels of instruction. During the 2020 spring and summer months, AATJ held a series of bimonthly webinars focusing on remote, hybrid, and online instruction, to assist the many teachers who had to begin teaching completely online in March and April with only a few days' notice and often little experience. The webinars were viewed by hundreds of teachers, and very well received; they will be continued during the fall and winter months. Webinar topics will be expanded to include social and racial justice, diversity and representation in the Japanese language teaching community, and expanding collaborations with other fields.
- Establishment of a Diversity & Inclusion Taskforce. In Fall of 2020 AATJ is establishing a taskforce that will explore and recommend ways to improve AATJ's current practices, with the goal of enhancing its capacity to address issues concerning diversity and inclusion within the association/profession, in the classroom, and in society in general.
- Administration of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT - 日本語入力試験) annually at 18 locations in the United States. In 2019 more than 8,000 test takers registered for this test. Because it is a paper test that is taken in person, the 2020 JLPT has been cancelled, but we are working to improve procedures and expand locations in 2021.
- Support and advocacy for Japanese language programs in the United States, and for world language education in general in American schools.

- Collaborations with the College Board's AP Japanese Language and Culture program, JET program alumni, the Japan Foundation and other organizations promoting US-Japan exchanges, and with world language educators in other fields.

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American Council on Education, Center for Internationalization and Global Engagement (ACE)



ACE is a membership organization that mobilizes the higher education community to shape effective public policy and foster innovative, high-quality practice.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- Rapid Response Virtual Exchange COIL Transformation Lab: U.S.-Japan, July 1-September 30, 2020

Modeled after ACE's successful U.S.-Japan COIL Initiative (2018-2020), the Rapid Response VE/COIL Transformation Lab will bring leadership and faculty from each of the selected U.S.-Japan institutional partners together online to work over a three-month period to align VE/COIL with immediate and long-term strategic goals, and develop learning experiences that provide students with competencies and skills for navigating today and tomorrow's global challenges. For more information on selected institutions and program benefits, visit: www.acenet.edu/coil

- U.S.-Japan Higher Education Engagement Study, April 2019-March 2021

U.S.-Japan Higher Education Engagement Study ACE in collaboration with the Japan Committee of Universities for International Exchange (JACUIE), a committee composed of members from the Japan Association of National Universities (JANU), the Japan Association of Public Universities (JAPU), and the Federation of Japanese Private Colleges and Universities Associations (FJPCUA), are conducting a two-year comprehensive study on U.S. and Japanese higher education institution engagement. With support from the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, ACE and JACUIE will produce an online searchable and multilingual database and interactive analytical report about existing forms of collaboration taking place between U.S. and Japanese higher education institutions.

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Program our organization would like to promote:

ACE-USJI Webinar, August 27 at 9:00-10:00 am, EDT, Higher Education in the Post-COVID-19 Pandemic Era: Weighing the Benefits and Challenges of Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)/Virtual Learning <http://www.us-jpri.org/en/category/seminar>

COVID-19 Best Practices:

As higher education works to establish a new sense of normalcy following the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Council on Education has assembled a variety of resources to help campus leaders, students, and parents make informed decisions about their immediate needs, fall 2020 classes, and beyond.

Join the Recovery 2020 Discussion Group on ACE Engage, chaired by Tulane University President Emeritus Scott Cowen, to discuss the complex issues involved with returning to in-person campus settings and integrating virtual and face-to-face learning in the coming academic year. For broader conversations on other COVID-19 related topics, visit our main discussion group.



American Councils for International Education (ACIE)



American Councils for International Education empowers individuals and institutions to address challenges in a diverse and interconnected world. We work to strengthen international ties and mutual understanding through excellence in academic, professional and cultural exchange, language acquisition, educational development, and research. For more information, visit <https://www.americancouncils.org>

Ongoing and Future Programs:

Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program Virtual Institutes (October-November, 2020),
Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program Summer Institutes (June-August each year)

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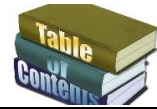
Program our organization would like to promote:

American Councils works closely with Okayama University on the implementation of the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program, a program of the U.S. Department of State that selects approximately 26 American university and college students each year to study Japanese language and culture intensively over the course of the summer. More information can be found at www.clscholarship.org.

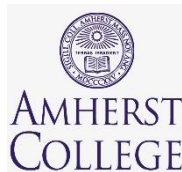
COVID-19 Best Practices:

American Councils worked with the U.S. Department of State, foreign governments, and embassies around the world to return our inbound participants to their home countries promptly and safely in

the past few months. We have successfully launched summer virtual programming to ensure critical programs such as NSLI-Y and CLS continue to serve our outbound participants where permitted.



Amherst College



Amherst College Mission Statement: *Terras irradiant* “Let them give light to the world.” 1821

Amherst College educates students of exceptional potential from all backgrounds so that they may seek, value, and advance knowledge, engage the world around them, and lead principled lives of consequence.

Amherst brings together the most promising students, whatever their financial need, in order to promote diversity of experience and ideas within a purposefully small residential community. Working with faculty, staff, and administrators dedicated to intellectual freedom and the highest standards of instruction in the liberal arts, Amherst undergraduates assume substantial responsibility for undertaking inquiry and for shaping their education within and beyond the curriculum.

Amherst College is committed to learning through close colloquy and to expanding the realm of knowledge through scholarly research and artistic creation at the highest level. Its graduates link learning with leadership—in service to the College, to their communities, and to the world beyond.

Dōshisha University was founded by Nijima Jō who graduated from Amherst College in 1870. Over more than 150 years the two institutions have participated in exchanges of students and faculty. For many years Amherst College also hosted young diplomats from the Japanese Foreign Ministry who were studying in the United States. The college is a founding member of the Associated Kyoto Program, the first study-abroad program for American college students in Kyoto.

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Arts Japan 2020

Arts Japan 2020 is a recognizable, developed and strategic effort to highlight Japanese arts and culture in the United States. This program encompasses four functions: 1) Collect information on Japan-related cultural programming across the United States; 2) Brand programming with the campaign name and logo; 3) Disseminate information about the branded Japan-related cultural programming via social and traditional media, including a dedicated website; and 4) Encourage organizations across the United States to develop Japan-related programming to include in the campaign.

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Asia Policy Point

Asia Policy Point is a membership nonprofit studying Japan and Northeast Asia. One focus of our work is the intersection of history with Indo-Pacific security. Another focus is regional environmental and energy policies.

APP publishes:

The *Asia Policy Calendar* - a preview of the week's news, releases, events, and conferences relevant to an Asia policy professional. Includes links to critical policy documents, opinion, reports, and news as well as to event registration. Highlights each week a new exhibition and book.

The *Japan Brief* - a weekly review of news on and about Japan relevant to the Washington policy community.

Japan/Asia Energy & Environment Brief - an occasional review of news and reports on energy and environmental issues in the region. Distribution limited to interested members.

APP also publishes occasional papers called *Japan Points* on Japanese politics, foreign policy, and politicians. *The Morse Target of American Movers & Shakers of Japan Policy* and an analysis and directory of *Japan's Cabinet* are regular research reports.

An annual individual membership is only \$100

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Cultural Vistas



Cultural Vistas is registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to enrich minds, advance global skills, build careers, and connect lives through international exchange. For more than 60 years, Cultural Vistas has developed and implemented experience-based international exchange programs in order to empower people to drive positive change in themselves, their organizations, and society. Designated by the U.S. Department of State as an Exchange Visitor

Program (Intern/Trainee, Teacher, Korea WEST, and IAESTE categories), the organization works with students and professionals in internships and training programs for Americans and international visitors. In addition, it manages a variety of short-term programs in the United States and overseas that provide individuals the opportunities to network and learn about the international perspective on the issues on which they are working and studying.

Japanese Programs:

- Internship and Trainee Exchanges (J-1 visa) – currently suspended through Dec. 31, 2020
- Japan Internship for the Development of Young Leaders (Japan IDYL) – postponed to 2021
- TOMODACHI MetLife Women's Leadership Program (TMWLP) - postponed
- U.S. Embassy Tokyo: ALLI: Indo-Pacific Summit Small Grants – ongoing virtually through Dec. 31, 2020
- U.S. Embassy Tokyo: Alumni Engagement Workshop – upcoming Nov. 1-Mar. 31, 2020

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East-West Center



East-West Center The East-West Center promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- Indo-Pacific Seminars
We have a full calendar of virtual seminars throughout the summer. Upcoming events include:
 - August 18, 2020: The National Security and Regional Implications of Japan's Rapidly Aging Society featuring Dr. Andrew L. Oros
 - August 20, 2020: The Promises and Pitfalls of American INF-Range Missile
- Deployments in Asia featuring Mr. Eric Gomez
EWC POC: Ms. Sarah Wang (wangs@eastwestcenter.org)
- Japan Matters for America (JMA/AMJ)
This project maps the trade, investment, employment, business, diplomacy, security, education, tourism, and people-to-people connections between the United States and Japan at the national, state, and local levels.

Most Recent Publication: Japan Matters for America (2019)

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- Asia Pacific Bulletin

Asia Pacific Bulletin (APB) analyses focus on policy-relevant Asia Pacific developments and US-Asia relations and are 1000 words in length. APBs are designed to provide insights, information, and perspective for the busy professional or policymaker.

Recent titles:

- US-Japanese Strategic Dissonance and Southeast Asian Infrastructure Finance by Pon Souvannaseng
- The United States and Japan's Semiconductor Supply Chain Diversification Efforts Should Include Southeast Asia by Jeffrey D. Bean
- U.S., Japan, and Southeast Asia Cooperation: Building a Data Governance Blueprint by Mark Manantan

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COVID-19 Best Practices:

During COVID-19, we have adapted our approach to programming to allow for remote participation wherever possible.



Globalize DC

globalizeDC Our mission is to leverage DC's wealth of global resources to increase access for DC public school students to global education, world language learning, and study abroad opportunities. We promote a strategic, systemic, and equitable approach, working collaboratively with partners and school officials. We are particularly committed to creating solutions that will reduce barriers to access for underserved students and schools, and that will support sustainable pathways to college and careers in global fields.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- "Japanese Plus" is an afterschool Japanese language, culture, and career exposure program open at no cost to students from any DC Public Schools (DCPS) or DC charter high school. Students meet twice a week (one weekday afternoon and Saturday mornings) from September through May. Students are eligible to earn academic credit that can be used towards high school graduation. The launch of our SY2020-21 program with a new student cohort has been delayed due to COVID-19. We will resume when conditions allow face-to-face meetings.

- “Japan in DC” is a free summer program, open to DCPS and DC charter high school students, which explores people, places, and organizations in the city with a connection to Japan. We hope to offer this program again in summer 2021, conditions permitting.
- Globalize DC played a key role in creating the only in-school Japanese language program in a DC public school - at Columbia Heights Education Campus. We support this fledging program by helping the school identify community-based resources, cultural programs, and Japan-related opportunities to benefit its largely Black and immigrant student population.
- We are advocating for a DC education policy that will allow students to earn academic credit by exam (competency-based credit) for world languages learned outside the traditional classroom. We believe this will open up new ways to make less commonly taught languages, like Japanese, more accessible to students.

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Program our organization would like to promote:

- Our 128-page, full-color “Japan in DC” book, based on student writing and creative expression from our Japan in DC program, is currently available for sale at www.globalizedc.org/jidc-book. Revenue from book sales provides critical funding for our Japan programs.
- During this pandemic period, we are working on a project to curate six years of DC student writing and photography from our TOMODACHI exchanges with Tohoku, Japan, reflecting on the legacy and lessons of the Great East Japan Earthquake. Our goal is to create an exhibit and publication for the 10th anniversary of 3/11. Funding and volunteers are welcome.



Embassy of Japan



The Embassy of Japan in the United States is committed to deepening bilateral ties between Japan and the United States through people-to-people exchange opportunities cultural activities.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

The Embassy offers the following people-to-people and cultural programs:

- KAKEHASHI Project

The KAKEHASHI Project is a Ministry of Foreign Affairs funded grassroots exchange program that brings Americans to Japan with the goal of creating future bridges of cooperation and friendship between Japan and the United States.

For more information, please contact publicaffairs@ws.mofa.go.jp

- Japan Exchange & Teaching (JET) Program

The JET Program is the most reputable and largest exchange program in Japan. Going on its 34th year, the JET Program fosters internationalization at the grassroots level by dispatching young American professionals to Japanese schools as assistant language teachers (ALT) and at government offices as coordinators of international relations (CIR).

For more information, please contact jetprogram@ws.mofa.go.jp

- Japan Information & Culture Center (JICC)

Through the online events JICC has provided the residents of the District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland and even from all over the United States, with an exciting artistic, educational, and cultural dialogue, often in partnership with local institutions.

JICC Homepage: <http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jicc/index.html>

For more information on educational programs, exhibitions, films and lecture events, please contact jicc@ws.mofa.go.jp

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Institute of International Education (IIE) – IIE Programs with Japan



The mission of the Institute of International Education (IIE) is to help individuals and organizations leverage the power of international education to thrive in today's interconnected world. We focus on work that advances scholarship, builds economies, and promotes access to

opportunity. IIE has helped welcome Japanese students to the United States since our founding in 1919, with over 500 Japanese students reported on U.S. campuses in our 1921 annual report. IIE began collaborating with Japan in 1952 to implement the Fulbright Program to promote mutual understanding between the United States and the rest of the world. The Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) joined IIE's Generation Study Abroad (GSA) initiative launched in 2014, as one of 20 Country Partners committed to increasing and diversifying the number of U.S. students studying abroad. IIE and JASSO also assist CULCON to track progress in bilateral student mobility, providing annual data updates to its Education Review Committee. IIE works closely with its partners to design and implement customized scholarship programs, study tours, workshops, and internships.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- Fulbright Student and Scholars Program

Since 1946, over 370,000 of the world's most talented college graduates, scholars and young professionals have shared their skills and expanded their knowledge in over 110 countries through

the U.S. Department of State's Fulbright Student and Scholar Programs. IIE works closely with the U.S. Department of State and Japan-US Educational Commission (Fulbright Japan) to facilitate bilateral exchanges. Close to 100 American and Japanese students and scholars participate annually.

- Japan-U.S. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Teacher Exchange Program

The Japan-U.S. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Teacher Exchange Program provided the opportunity for 15 U.S. grades 7-12 teachers to participate along with 15 Japanese teachers in a five-day conference in Hawaii in August 2019 on the theme of Space and Earth - utilizing ICT in the classroom. The ICT Program is administered by Japan-U.S. Educational Commission (Fulbright Japan) and jointly funded by the U.S. Embassy Japan and the Japanese Government's Ministry of Education, Sports, Science, Culture and Technology (MEXT). IIE is an implementation partner of this program, which is currently on hiatus due to COVID-19.

- Japanese Foreign Language Teaching Assistants Program (FLTA)

Since 1968, with support from the U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright FLTA Program has aimed to strengthen foreign language instruction at U.S. educational institutions by bringing native speakers into the classroom. Administered by IIE, the FLTA Program provides an opportunity for early-career, international teachers to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the United States. The Fulbright FLTA Program with Japan began in 2007–2008.

- The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program

The U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program enables American undergraduates with limited financial means to study or intern abroad, thereby gaining skills critical to our national security and economic competitiveness. The program is open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university. IIE manages the outreach/recruitment, screening/selection, alumni activities, participant monitoring, follow-on activities, and evaluation/reporting for this program, which annually sends about 250 U.S. undergraduates to Japan, in addition to thousands sent to other countries around the globe.

- Freeman Awards for Study in Asia (Freeman-ASIA)

With support from the Freeman Foundation, IIE has helped fund study in East and Southeast Asia for close to 5,000 U.S. undergraduates. Freeman- ASIA provides American students the information and financial assistance needed to spend a summer, semester, or academic year in a credit-bearing program in the region. Upon returning home, awardees share their experience through outreach projects on campus and in the community to promote study abroad and deepen interest in Asia among their peers. Japan is the top host destination for Freeman awardees spending a semester or academic year abroad.

- Global Engineering Education Exchange (Global E3) and Graduate International Research Experience (GIRE)

Started in 1998, this IIE-managed consortium of 34 U.S. engineering schools and 38 universities outside the U.S. facilitates the exchange of engineering students on a tuition-swap basis, for a semester or academic year. In Japan, students from other Global E3 member campuses study at Tohoku University. Reciprocal opportunities are available for Tohoku students to enroll in

engineering programs at other member institutions in the consortium, either in the U.S. or over 20 other countries. In 2019-2020, 10 students participated in the U.S.-Japan exchange (7 inbound to and 3 outbound from Tohoku) among the 200+ total students moved annually via the Consortium. With support from the National Science Foundation, the program also offers Graduate International Research Experience (GIRE), which funds U.S. doctoral engineering students to conduct innovative research abroad for 3-5 months. In 2019-2020, three U.S. PhD Engineers went to Japan through GIRE.

- JICE Capacity Building

Every year, JICE (Japan International Cooperation Center) sends staff members to IIE for 2-3 weeks of professional attachments and networking in our U.S. offices. In 2019-2020, IIE hosted three JICE staff members over two separate professional attachment periods, based in IIE/NY, IIE/DC, and IIE/SF.

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COVID-19 Best Practices:

At this unprecedented time, IIE continues to share knowledge and best practices in confronting global problems. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, IIE initiated the following activities:

- Emergency Student Fund: IIE launched a fund to aid international students in the U.S. impacted by the pandemic. Awards are available for international students nominated by IIE Network member institutions. To date, we have disbursed 630 grants worth over \$2.6 MM, and recently issued a call for a new round of nominations to support international students this coming fall.
- COVID-19 Snapshot Surveys: IIE's Research, Evaluation, and Learning (REL) team administered three surveys to study the effects of COVID-19 on student mobility in U.S. higher education. The first survey, launched in February 2020, reported on the pandemic's impact on U.S.-China academic mobility. A second looked at COVID-19's impact on U.S. campuses' global exchanges this past spring. The third survey, launched in July 2020 and published in August examines the impact of COVID-19 on inbound and outbound students this summer and expected impact in the fall, including shifts in the academic calendar and potential deferred international enrollments, as well as the outlook for U.S. study abroad programs.
- IIE Network COVID-19 Engagement Series: IIE has hosted a series of webinars and virtual discussions to enable U.S. higher education institutions to connect with each other, stay current on critical topics, and share expertise and experiences related to the pandemic. These tools help IIE Network members to share information, best practices, and remaining challenges.



International Student Conferences, Inc. (ISC)



To promote peace by furthering mutual understanding, friendship and trust through international student interchange

Ongoing and Future Programs:

ISC facilitates four annual programs: Japan-America Student Conference (JASC), Korea-America Student Conference (KASC), U.S.-Japan-Korea Trilateral Forum, and the China-America Student Conference (ChASC).

Beginning in 1934, JASC is the first and oldest exchange between the two countries that is conceived and carried out by university students. Patterned after the JASC model of a student-run Conference, the first KASC launched in 2008 and the first ChASC will launch Winter 2020.

In light of COVID-19, the 72nd JASC and 13th KASC moved away from the traditional 3-plus-week in-person summer Conference to a hybrid format composed of virtual and in-person components.

- 72nd Japan-America Student Conference (JASC)
August 5 - 17, 2020: Virtual Conference
January 2 - 8, 2021: In-Person Conference
- 13th Korea-America Student Conference (KASC)
July 6 - 22, 2020: Virtual Conference
December 28, 2020 - January 9, 2021: In-Person Conference
- Inaugural China-America Student Conference (ChASC)
December 27, 2020 - January 10, 2021: In-Person Conference
- 73rd Japan-America Student Conference (JASC)
Summer 2021; Applications Open Fall 2020
- 14th Korea-America Student Conference (KASC)
Summer 2021; Application Open Fall 2020

*Note: dates and format of the in-person Conference are subject to change pending on the COVID-19 situation and health/travel guidelines.

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COVID-19 Best Practices:

The 73rd Japan-America Student Conference (JASC) will open rolling applications in Fall 2020. Up to 28 American University Student Delegates and up to 28 Japanese University Student Delegates will be selected to participate in the Summer 2021 program. Learn more about JASC and its 86-year legacy by visiting <https://www.iscdc.org/jasc>

International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) Study Abroad



International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) is a non-profit educational community dedicated to helping students overcome the financial and academic barriers to study abroad. ISEP connects higher education students to high-quality academic programs at more than 300-member higher learning institutions in over 50 countries. It has nine members in Japan, including new member Chuo University.

ISEP currently offers programs exclusively to its ISEP members and Affiliates on a rolling basis for Spring, Summer and Fall semester and full year programs worldwide.

ISEP offers study abroad programs and internships worldwide. Some of the programs and internships are virtual and start dates vary.

For more information about programs available or to join as a member please contact:

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Ongoing and Future Programs:

Program offerings: <https://www.isepstudyabroad.org/member-universities/>

COVID-19 Best Practices:

Addressing the Impact of Covid-19: [The ISEP Promise.](#)



The Japan-America Society of Washington DC



Drawing on the unique resources of Washington, D.C., the nation's capital, JASWDC promotes friendship and understanding between Americans and Japanese through dynamic and innovative cultural, educational, public policy, and business programming, including programs of national significance.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- JASWDC Otsukimi Celebration, Thursday, October 1st 2020
- U.S.-Japan Capital Gala, Tuesday, November 17th 2020
- JUMP Event with the National War College, October 2020
- Japan in the Year with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, January 2021
- National Japan Bowl 2021 (date TBD)

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Program our organization would like to promote:

- Japanese Cooking Classes (monthly)

- Calligraphy classes
- Networking Lunch in Japanese
- Weekly Nihongo, Japan-in-a-Suitcase, Japan in 3

COVID-19 Best Practices:

- Maintaining transparency and open lines of communication between staff members is a must
- Schedule EVERYTHING on a shared calendar
- Use slack and trello to monitor and track productivity
- Regular office meetings throughout the week
- Clear guidelines in place for setting up and hosting online events and programs



Japan Commerce Association of Washington, D.C., Inc. (JCAW)



The Japan Commerce Association of Washington, D.C. (JCAW) was founded in November 1988, formally establishing the organization that began almost 50 years ago. JCAW consists of 101 corporate member companies/organizations, 121 individual members, and about 500 members total (as of April 30th, 2014). JCAW is operated according to the decisions of the Board of Directors, who are selected based on the recommendation of our members or the Board of Directors.

JCAW was established to create cooperation and friendship within the Washington, DC business community, and promoting exchange and understanding with American society through education, sports, and social activities. The focus of JCAW activities are as follows: 1) Members Networking Events, 2) Seminar Events, 3) Cultural Exchange Activities, 4) Community Relations Activities, and 5) Public Relations. Please see JCAW's website: <http://jcaw.org/main/>

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Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE/USA)



JCIE/USA strengthens US-Japan relations and deepens international cooperation on global challenges facing our two countries. A NY-based nonprofit organization, it organizes leadership exchanges, sponsors policy dialogues, and builds ties among nonprofit organizations in the two countries. More than 1,000 Diet members, Congressional members, and other political leaders have traveled on its US-Japan exchanges, and JCIE also catalyzes international cooperation on issues such as global health, democracy support, and humanitarian responses. It works in close partnership with JCIE/Japan in Tokyo, one of the country's top international affairs institutes.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

US Congressional Staff Exchange Program in Japan

- September 2020—Online mini-course on Japan policy issues for Congressional Staff
- Summer/Fall 2021 – Congressional Staff delegation to Japan (tbc)

Expanding Support for Democratic Governance—Study and dialogue program that explores how Japan can work with the US and others to support democratic institutions and norms

- Ongoing – Online dialogue series with Asian leaders (July-November 2020); Diet roundtables/briefings, etc.
- Japanese-language website to translate & disseminate best practices on democracy support (<http://democracy.jcie.or.jp/>)

Friends of the Global Fund, Japan (FGF)—Initiative encouraging support for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, including activities leveraging US-Japan ties

- August 2020-2021—Yearlong outreach campaign will feature interviews with HIV, malaria, and TB advocates and leaders for the 20th anniversary of the 2000 G8 Okinawa Summit, where the Global Fund was born.

Global Health and Human Security Program—High-level dialogue and conference program that elevates global health in Japan's foreign policy and broadens international cooperation.

- Ongoing—Through the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund for WHO, JCIE has facilitated \$7.7 million in Japanese donations to support the work of the WHO, UNICEF, World Food Programme and others in the global response to COVID-19
- August 2020—Global Financing Facility (GFF) in the COVID-19 Crisis Webinar
- September 2020—US-Japan Dialogue on COVID-19 (TBC)

Healthy and Active Aging in Asia—Initiative to promote regional cooperation on aging-related challenges in Asia, identify innovative approaches and share policy lessons. (www.ahwin.org)

- August 2020 – First Healthy Aging Prize for Asian Innovation awarded to 3 grand prize winners.
- September 2020 — Researcher meeting of Asian aging experts

- December 2021—Application Period opens for 2nd Healthy Aging Prize for Asian Innovation (HAPI)

US-Japan Philanthropy Program —Collaboration with Fish Family Foundation/JWLI to facilitate small grants to Japanese NPOs supporting vulnerable populations with the COVID response.

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The Japan Foundation, New York; The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP)



CGP's mission is to promote international cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and other countries, by providing assistance for Arts & Cultural Exchange; Japanese Studies; Intellectual Exchange; and Grassroots Exchange & and Grassroots Exchange & Education programs in the U.S.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

(1) Grassroots Exchange & Education

- Regular Grant Grassroots Program: Supports non-profit organizations in the U.S. to establish national and/or regional networks, capacity building, and innovative program development for U.S.-Japan exchange and outreach. Application deadline: TBD
- Grassroots Exchange Discretionary Grant: Aims to create new networks and strengthen existing networks between non-profit organizations and citizens groups in the U.S. and Japan around common social issues. Up to \$10,000/yr. Rolling deadline.
- Education Grant: Supports teacher training and community outreach efforts on Japan addressing the needs of K-12 students, teachers and the larger community. Up to \$5,000/yr. Rolling deadline.

(2) Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange

- Grant for Japanese Studies: Supports projects that will enhance and deepen an understanding of Japan through academic exploration in the fields of humanities and social sciences. Up to \$5,000/yr. Rolling deadline.
- Regular Grant Intellectual Exchange Program: Supports institutions conducting Japan-U.S. collaborative projects that explore policy issues of concern to Japan and the U.S. Application Deadline: TBD
- Intellectual Exchange Discretionary Grant: Supports one-time conferences, workshops, etc. that explore policy issues relevant to Japan and the U.S. Up to \$10,000/yr. Rolling deadline.

(3) Arts and Cultural Exchange

- Supports are provided for projects that will further understanding of Japanese arts and culture, or Japan-U.S. collaborative projects through arts and culture.

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Attending the Summit:

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COVID-19 Best Practices:

- JFNY Grant for Online Japanese Studies: Provides intensive support for initiatives that focus on exchanges via the internet. (<https://www.jfny.org/grants/grants-for-japanese-studies/jfny-grant-for-online-japanese-studies/>)
- JFNY Grant for Arts & Culture: Supports online projects related to Arts & Cultural Exchange that incorporate issues pertaining to the COVID-19 global pandemic. (<https://www.jfny.org/grants/grants/jfny-grant-for-arts-culture/>)
- CGP Relief Grant for U.S.-Japan Grassroots Exchanges under COVID-19 Challenges: Provides short-term assistance with operational costs as well as support for the development of new forms of programming that will help sustain the organization in the long-term. (https://www.cgp.org/grassroots_exchange_covid19)



Japan Society, Inc.



Founded in 1907, Japan Society is the leading U.S. organization committed to deepening mutual understanding between the United States and Japan in a global context. Now in its 113th year, the Society serves audiences across the U.S. and abroad through innovative programs in arts & culture, public policy, business, language & education.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

While the pandemic necessitated the cancellation of live events and in-person exchanges, Japan Society quickly pivoted and recognized the opportunity this situation afforded us to reimagine how we connect with Japan, our audiences and each other. The online space offers the chance to bring our programming beyond our NYC base and offer it to global audiences. Most recently, our JAPAN CUTS film festival moved online from July 17-30 and was highly successful. Our Japanese Language classes have been online since March with our fall session commencing in September.

Japan Society's 2021 thematic series, 時空を繋ぐ ~ Connecting Across Space & Time, will encompass all program areas of the institution: Performing Arts, Film, Gallery, Education, the Language Center, TALKS+, and Business & Policy. Two variations on this theme will encourage the public to engage in the robust U.S.-Japan relationship that has been at the heart of our mission for

over a century. The first series, 時空を繋ぐ~Connecting with Science and Technology, will introduce an eclectic program of STEM, arts and design, and international policy events, to illuminate the ways in which science and technology can and should connect us in a pandemic world where social-distancing is the mandate. The second series, 時空を繋ぐ~Across Generations, celebrates the masterful traditions and techniques that have survived for centuries to provide comfort and meaning to our lives. Each well-rounded project will be complemented by ancillary workshops and talks that will provide context, perspective, and serve to deepen the impact and educational value of the program for our audiences. By offering a multi-faceted program of overlapping and echoing variations on the theme of Connecting Across Space and Time, we hope to attract and educate a broad, global audience and to nurture the next generation of leaders in U.S.-Japan relations.

Upcoming Online Programs for the Fall 2020 Season: **Nichibei Global Talks**

- Online video series of conversations featuring U.S. and Japanese experts on global challenges scheduled for release in late August-early September.
- Japan Society Gallery's Fall exhibition: From Here to There, Webinar launch on September 24, 2020 with artists Nobutaka Aozaki (NY), Hanako Murakami (Paris) and Aki Sasamoto (NY)
- Business & Policy Webinar: Cybersecurity in the 21st Century: Outlook for Japan and the U.S., September 15, 2020 from 9am to 10:30am
- TALKS+ Webinar: Artificial Elegance: Japanese Prosthetics for World-Class Athletes, September 2020
- TALKS+ Workshop: Online Vegan Sushi Making Workshop, October 2020
- Business & Policy Webinar: The 2020 U.S. Presidential Election: How Will It Affect U.S.-Japan Relations? October 20, 2020 from 9am to 10:30am
- Japanese Language Classes for Children (ages 3-5 and 6-10), October 4 to December 13, 2020
- Manga Drawing for Beginners (for middle and high school students), October 7 to December 16, 2020
- Performing Arts: Reiko Yamada's Sound Installation on a Silent Film, Late October 2020
- TALKS+ Webinar: Painting Edo: Early Modern Masterworks from the Feinberg Collection, October 27, 2020, 6:30pm
- TALKS+ Webinar & Virtual Tasting: Sustainability and Future of Food, November 10, 2020
- Business & Policy Webinar: The 5G Era: Transforming Businesses, Industries & Society, November 2020
- TALKS+: Get to Know Kanagawa, December 10, 2020

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COVID-19 Best Practices:

As we had to pivot so quickly to online programming once our building was closed in March, we realized just how outdated our website had become and this affected our capacity for virtual events. We are now in the process of overhauling the site to accommodate a fully online fall 2020 season and a hybrid of in-person and online programs in the spring of 2021. This also necessitated staffing our Media & Marketing team with a web producer and consultants who could do video editing. We found that keeping online programs shorter was key as the attention spans of audiences for virtual events is about an hour maximum. We also found that we now had the potential for global audiences and this has in turn, necessitated new ways of marketing our programs. We dropped our print publications as well and are using solely virtual forms of publicity and marketing.



The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Washington Office



日本学術振興会
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) is an independent administrative institution, established by way of a national law for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of science in all fields of the natural and social sciences and the humanities by disbursing research grants, fostering the next generation of scientists, promoting international scientific collaboration, and advancing university reform.

Expanding and enhancing international collaboration is one of the most important elements in JSPS's effect to advance science. From this point of view, JSPS has established a total of 10 overseas offices in 9 countries. JSPS Washington Office was founded in 1990 to promote international scientific collaboration mainly with the U.S. and Canada.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- 25th Science in Japan Forum (June 2021)
- International Fellowships for Research in Japan (<https://jspsusa.org/wp/fellowship/>)

JSPS provides fellowship programs for overseas researchers with various carriers to conduct collaborative research, discussions, and opinion exchanges with researchers in Japan. The programs are intended to help advance the overseas researchers' research activities while promoting science and internationalization in Japan.

Among these, "JSPS Summer Program" specially provides opportunities for U.S. graduate students to receive an orientation on Japanese culture and research systems and to pursue research under the guidance of host researchers at a Japanese university or research institute over a period of two months during the summer. JSPS now seeks a new partner organization based in the U.S. that selects candidates for this program.

- US and Canada JSPS Alumni Association (<http://www.jspsusa-alumni.org/>)

Founded in 2004, by 30 JSPS fellows, the Association is now made up of hundreds of JSPS alumni based in the US and Canada. These alumni take part in collaborative research, and hold scientific meetings and symposia, often in partnership with JSPS Washington Office.

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Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC)



The Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission was established as an independent federal government agency by the United States Congress (P.L. 94-118) in 1975 to strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship through educational, cultural, and intellectual exchange. The Commission is a grant-making agency that supports research, education, public affairs and exchange with Japan. Its mission is to support reciprocal people-to-

people understanding, and promote partnerships that advance common interests between Japan and the United States. The Commission also serves to maintain expertise on Japan Studies throughout U.S. academic and professional institutions. It generally does not operate its own programs. It supports academic and non-profit organizations that conceptualize and execute U.S.-Japan training, research and exchange programs. The Commission operates its grant-making activities in four areas: Arts and Culture; Education and Public Affairs; Exchanges and Scholarship; and Global Challenges.

Institutional Grants

JUSFC operates its grant-making activities in four areas: Arts and Culture; Education and Public Affairs; Exchanges and Scholarship; and Global Challenges. JUSFC has only one institutional grant cycle per year. The annual application deadline is July 1, 5:00 p.m. EDT. If July 1 falls on a weekend or a U.S. Federal Holiday, the deadline will always be the following Monday or the next business day, as applicable.

U.S.-Japan Creative Artists Fellowships

The Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) have worked with the Agency for Cultural Affairs in Japan and the International House of Japan (I-House) to organize the United States-Japan Creative Artists' Program. Each year five leading U.S.-based artists, representing all genres, are selected from the United States and are provided funding to spend three to five months in Japan. Since 1978, over 180 U.S. artists, representing a diverse range of disciplines, have been selected to travel to Japan for this residency. Artists go as seekers, as cultural visionaries, and as living liaisons to the traditional and contemporary cultural life of Japan. They also go as connectors who share knowledge and bring back knowledge. Their interaction with the Japanese public and the outlook they bring home provide exceptional opportunities to promote cultural understanding between the United States and Japan.

JUSFC-NEH Social Science Fellowships

The Fellowship Program for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan is a joint activity of the Commission and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Awards support research on modern Japanese society and political economy, Japan's international relations, and U.S.-Japan relations. The program encourages innovative research that puts these subjects in wider regional and global contexts and is comparative and contemporary in nature. The research contributes to scholarly knowledge or to the general public's understanding of issues of concern to Japan and the United States from a variety of disciplines such as: anthropology, economics, geography, history, international relations, linguistics, political science, psychology, public administration, and sociology.

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- For more information, please visit www.jufsc.gov



Kizuna Across Cultures (KAC)



To cultivate international friendship, cross-cultural skills and global awareness among youth of all backgrounds

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- Global Classmates (every September – February) is the virtual cultural & language exchange program that pairs high school Japanese and English language classes from around the U.S. and Japan. For the 2020-21 program, 74 schools (37 schools from each country) with an estimated 1,900 students in total will participate. On a weekly basis, students will exchange comments, photos and videos on various topics on a Facebook-like platform.
- Global Classmates Summit (every late July – early August) selects a handful of outstanding students who participated in the previous year's Global Classmates program (above) and brings them together in Washington, DC for in-person dialogue and collaboration. During the ten-day Summit, the students live under the same roof and participate in various activities ranging from teambuilding exercises to meeting international leaders and experts. At the end of the program, participants reflect on what they have learned, and as young leaders share their thoughts on building a positive future for US-Japan relations and the broader international community. This year's Summit has been moved to a virtual space.

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The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation



The Mansfield Foundation promotes understanding and cooperation among the nations and peoples of Asia and the United States. Maureen and Mike Mansfield's values, ideals, and vision for U.S.-Asia relations continue through the Foundation's exchanges, dialogues, and publications, which create networks among U.S. and Asian leaders, explore the underlying issues influencing public policies, and increase awareness about the nations and peoples of Asia.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program

The 25th group of Mansfield Fellows is currently awaiting deployment to Japan. The Foundation anticipates that the program will be delayed a full year, deploying on July 1, 2021.

- Strengthening Government and Expert Networks

Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Thomas S. Foley Legislative Exchange (The Foundation hosted legislators from Japan, Korea, and the United States for a virtual exchange on July 28 and plans a second virtual meeting in early October. We are aiming to bring a delegation of U.S. House of Representatives members to Japan and Korea March 14-20, 2021 and host Japanese and Korean legislators in Washington May 3-5.)

- U.S.-Japan Network for the Future (Cohort 5 of the Network for the Future held a Washington Policy Week in January 2020. They will conduct a study trip to Japan May 30-June 6, 2021.)
- Mansfield-PhRMA Research Scholars Program (The eighth group of Mansfield-PhRMA Research Scholars from Japan will visit the U.S. in 2021.)
- Informing and Engaging Opinion Leaders and the Public
 - Capitol Hill Asia Policy Dialogues (virtual, ongoing)
 - Policy Roundtables (virtual, ongoing)
- Advancing Policy through Working Groups
 - Korea-U.S.-Japan Dialogue on Nuclear Spent Fuel Strategies (Policy recommendations will be published in late 2020.)
 - Mansfield- CIIS Forum on Northeast Asia Peace, Security and Cooperation (Third meeting of the forum, bringing together energy experts from the United States, Japan, and China, is scheduled to take place in Osaka in early 2021.)
 - U.S.-Japan Space Forum (Next meeting will be virtual on August 27, with the next in-person session scheduled for April 26-30, 2021 in Tokyo.)

For more information, please contact:

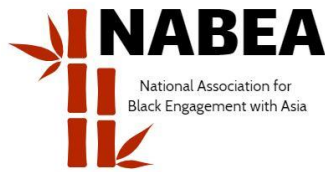
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The National Association for Black Engagement with Asia



NABEA connects Black Asia specialists in both the public and private sectors and seeks to increase the representation of Black Americans engaging with Asia. Through our programming, we work towards building a mutually beneficial economic, political, social and cultural relationship between Black America and the Indo-Pacific.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- **America and the Indo-Pacific: Perspectives from the Field** will be a virtual conversation with Ambassador Harry Thomas on U.S. relations with the Indo-Pacific and his diplomatic career in the region. The event will be held on **Wednesday, August 26 at 8pm EDT**. Attendees can register for the event and submit questions to be asked to Ambassador Thomas during the audience Q&A at bit.ly/3ipEKjV
- **NABEA's Professional Database** will launch at the end of August 2020 and serve as a publicly accessible resource for institutions, students, and young professionals to find Black Americans across academia, government, and private sector industries who specialize in the Indo-Pacific. Once launched, the database will be publicly accessible on NABEA's [website](#).

COVID-19 Best Practices:

NABEA has taken advantage of stay-at-home orders by organizing events with high profile guest speakers who normally have tight schedules. While in-person events pose logistical hurdles such as venue booking or ensuring speakers can physically attend, virtual events remove many constraints and allow for greater participation regardless of participants' location.

Virtual events also prove advantageous for happy hours. In-person meetups tend to restrict attendees to meeting people in their area, whereas virtual events allow members from all over the world to chat with each other. This is especially useful for organizations focused on community-building.

To get involved:

- If you identify as Black American, sign up for the [Slack community](#) and add your information to the [Professional Database](#)
- If you do not identify as Black American, please spread awareness by sending this information to any Black American, Asia specialists in your network

- To stay up-to-date on NABEA's activities and future programming, sign up for the [listserv](#) to receive organization newsletters.

For more information, please contact:

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Attending the Summit:

Chadwick Eason, Co-Founder & COO



NAFSA: Association of International Educators



NAFSA is the largest and most comprehensive association of professionals committed to advancing international higher education. Based in the United States, we provide programs, products, services, and a physical and virtual meeting space for the worldwide community of international educators. The association provides leadership to its varied constituencies through establishing principles of good practice and providing professional development opportunities. NAFSA encourages networking among professionals, convenes conferences and collaborative dialogues, and promotes research and knowledge creation to strengthen and serve the field. We lead the way in advocating for a better world through international education. NAFSA aspires to an environment in which every student and scholar seeking the benefits of international education finds a path, and every institution of higher education integrates international perspectives into its teaching, research, and service missions. We aspire to enlightened international relations, a globally engaged citizenry, and a more peaceful world.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- Japan Specific Interest Group (est. 1988) – Year-round
- Learning and Training – Year-round
- Publications – Year-round
- NAFSA 2020 Regional Conferences: 11 Regional Conferences will be offered virtually in 2020
- NAFSA International Education Week Program – November, 2020 (Details forthcoming)
- NAFSA 2021 Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. Week of May 24th
- Special Professional Development Opportunity:
- NAFSA Path™ is a professional achievement system tailored to the needs of international educators in every role to build essential skills critical for success. This signature learning and professional skills development system enables you to continuously assess your needs, develop personal learning plans, and track your growth and achievement throughout your professional career.

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National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS)



The mission of the National Association of Japan-America Societies is to strengthen cooperation and understanding between the peoples of Japan and the United States by providing programs, services, and information to and facilitating cooperation among its member societies throughout North America.

NAJAS Function: NAJAS provide support and Japan-related programming to 38 Japan-America Societies located in the U.S. and Canada. Locally funded and managed, our members promote mutual understanding between Japan and the United States in their home areas.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

Programs:

- Richard J. Wood Art Curator Series: 4 programs featuring talks by curators of Japanese art collections at major America museums, organized by Japan-America Societies.
- Japan Currents series: 13 public affairs programs focusing on the U.S.-Japan relationship to be held at Japan-America Societies.
- Geostrategy in the Grassroots series: 8 programs focusing on the strategic challenge faced by Japan and the U.S. in East Asia
- NAJAS/KKC Business Speaker Series: 5 programs focusing on investments by Japanese companies in the U.S., to be hosted by Japan-America Societies.
- Japan-U.S. Military Program (JUMP): 8 events honoring the service of Americans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces in Japan, held at Japan-America Societies.

Activities:

- NAJAS supports three Japan-related exchange programs, in conjunction with partners in Japan; the Japan-America Grassroots Summits, the KKC Teacher Fellowship Program and the High School Diplomats Program.

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The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR)



The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) helps decision-makers better understand Asia and craft concrete, actionable policy. NBR is an independent research institution based in Seattle and Washington, D.C. We bring world-class scholarship to bear on the evolving

strategic environment in Asia through original, policy-relevant research, and we invest in our future by training the next generation of Asia specialists. For more information, visit <https://www.nbr.org/>

Ongoing and Future Programs:

AsiaEdge (August 13, November 9 – virtual roundtables): NBR is working in cooperation with the U.S. State Department’s State’s Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR) on a project to help grow sustainable and secure energy markets throughout the Indo-Pacific. This program will support the Japan-U.S. Mekong Power Partnership (JUMPP) in Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam. Through a range of activities—including policy workshops, commissioned research, and year-long fellowship opportunities for rising leaders from the region—this initiative engages high-level stakeholders from government, business, and the research community to craft market-based recommendations for public policy on energy security and access in the Indo-Pacific.

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COVID-19 Best Practices:

- Livestreaming events on YouTube via WebEx for multi-person panels
- Launching new initiatives such as the “New Normal in Asia” series
- Bi-weekly team “coffee-breaks” to check-in with colleagues
- Weekly “Extracurricular activities” outside of work hours for colleagues to catch up and participate in non-work related activities virtually



North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources (NCC)



The North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources (NCC) works to expand and improve access to library resources and other forms of information about Japan within the existing framework of North American library collections, through grant programs, and by working with collaborating organizations in North America, Japan and elsewhere.

The overarching goal of the NCC is to mobilize the resources of information providers, information users, and funding organizations in order to collaboratively develop comprehensive access to Japanese information in as wide a range of fields as possible - in the humanities, social sciences, and throughout the professional fields - for all current and potential users.

The NCC serves as a strong representative voice for institutions and individuals (including those with limited or no direct library access to Japanese materials) and its activities are carried out by the pro bono efforts of representatives of a range of libraries and institutions in the field of Japanese studies. The NCC works to provide two-way coordination between North American libraries and funding agencies; and to develop closer collaborations between North American and Japanese libraries, their staffs, and their users.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

All of NCC's programming is ongoing and is accessible on our website: www.nccjapan.org

We are currently putting particular efforts into digitization and discoverability of Japanese collections in the United States and making information about Japan accessible to researchers and Japan scholars throughout North America.

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Program our organization would like to promote:

NCC initiatives include:

- Comprehensive Digitization and Discoverability Program:
- <https://guides.nccjapan.org/cddp>
- Outreach Working Group: <https://guides.nccjapan.org/outreach>
- But we also offer many other resources for researchers, such as our Research Access Guides, Image Use Protocol, and (coming soon!) our Digital Resources Database.

COVID-19 Best Practices:

Since NCC is mostly online, we have not had to put any special practices in place for COVID-19, but we will be holding our few in-person events, including our annual Council Meeting, remotely over Zoom and Zoom webinar.



Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Foundation (OIST Foundation)



The mission of the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Foundation, Inc. is to promote innovative global scientific breakthroughs through enhancing and strengthening science and technology research and related programs at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST) and to empower Americans to support the sustainable development of Okinawa and deepen U.S.-Japan relations through OIST.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

US-Japan Science Webinar Series: 8/20 - Oceans, Climate, Cholera, and the Coronavirus: A discussion with Dr. Rita Colwell, Moderated by Kathy Matsui -

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PinPath



A private consultancy working to empower global stewards to imagine and enact uniquely human solutions to uniquely human problems.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

Currently working with DC Area U.S.-Japan focused non-profits to design and implement international exchange programming and alumni programming.

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Sasakawa USA



Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (Sasakawa USA) is a non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to deepening the understanding of and strengthening the relationship between the U.S. and Japan within the Asia-Pacific context, placing emphasis on security and diplomacy, through exchanges, dialogue, analysis, and networking.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- Sasakawa USA engages in four areas of programming: 1) Policy Engagement and Research, 2) Congressional Outreach, 3) Grassroots Outreach and Exchange, and 4) Alumni Engagement. Below are just several of our programs both ongoing and new:
- The Sasakawa USA/USJETAA Mini-Grant Program is a competitive mini-grant program supporting the JET Alumni Associations (JETAAs) chapters and subchapters within the United States to organize activities that contribute to strengthening U.S.-Japan relations. The program is intended to help chapters strengthen the JET alumni network and elevate their leadership role in their local U.S.-Japan community.
- The Japan U.S. Military Program (JUMP) connects past and present service members, families, and government civilians who have served in Japan. JUMP is a collaborative effort between Sasakawa USA, the Embassy of Japan in the United States, and the National Association of Japan-America Societies.
- The Alliance Working in America (TAWA) series is held outside of Washington, DC to connect with U.S. regional leaders on the importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship in their region. The program consists of activities including public forums, private discussions with local government and businesses, and visits to local universities. TAWA is a collaborative effort between Sasakawa USA and the World Affairs Councils of America. The next program is slated to be in Seattle, though this year due to the pandemic, programming may take place virtually rather than in-person.
- The Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ) is a program that welcomes members of the Japanese Diet to the United States and has brought Members of Congress to meet the Japanese Prime Minister in Tokyo for more than a decade. CSGJ also provides education on Capitol Hill regarding critical bilateral issues, including security and trade, for both Congressional Members and staff. This is a collaborative effort between Sasakawa USA and Former Members of Congress.
- Our Policy Briefing Series aims to engage the Washington, DC policy, academic, and business communities by holding timely discussions on Japan and U.S.-Japan relations. While these have always been held in-person in the past, the pandemic and the necessity to shift to a virtual framework has brought with it the ability to now engage those not only around the U.S. but in Japan as well.
- Our newest program focuses on the Pacific Islands and aims to make policy recommendations to the U.S. and Japan on maritime domain awareness and related issues vis-à-vis the Freely Associated States. Sasakawa USA will do this through conferences with experts on the major subject matters being researched, as well as publication of a policy recommendation report at the end of the initial three-year project.

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U.S.-Asia Institute (USAI)

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Institute works directly with 14 countries: China, Japan, South Korea, Mongolia, and the 10 countries of ASEAN. Through conferences, off-the-record briefings, congressional delegations, youth exchange programs, and ongoing interaction at all levels, USAI has effectively built a bond of trust and mutual respect over the past 40+ years and has succeeded in keeping channels for dialogue open.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- Japan 101 Congressional Briefing Series offers a 3-part series in September exclusively for Congressional staffers to provide unique insight into the US-Japan relationship. Featuring speakers with firsthand knowledge of Japan – its politics, its people, and its policies—the 2020 series focuses on three key areas of interest to U.S. policymakers and their advisors. Designed to increase awareness and understanding, the one-hour sessions offer staff the opportunity to hear from and interact with diverse experts from on and off the Hill.
- Japan-Korea Bilateral Tensions Briefing (Fall, Date: TBD)
- Asia Unscripted Podcast Series features diverse experts with firsthand knowledge of Asia, who introduce key stories of the day in 20-25 minutes. The series covers issues in East Asia and the Asia Pacific, focusing on a specific country. New episodes are published every other week

Other USAI Fall Programming:

- September Briefing on the Hong Kong National Security Law: featuring Hong Kong Secretary for Security John Lee, co-hosted with the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Date TBA).
- September Briefing on US-China Relations: Rebuilding Trust Through the Business Sector: featuring Craig Allen, Anna Ashton, Lipei Zhang, and Jacob Parker, co-hosted with the US-China Business Council (Date TBA).
- ASEAN 101 Country Specific Briefings: A series throughout Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 examining key areas of interest and the US relationship with individual Southeast Asian nations (Dates TBA).
- Regional Symposia: Virtual programs for state and local political and business leaders that examine specific issues and areas of interest in the US-Asia relationship. Cities include: Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, and Houston (Dates TBA).

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U.S.-Japan Bridging Foundation (USJBF)



Created in 1998 by the United States-Japan Friendship Commission, the U.S.-Japan Bridging Foundation (USJBF) is an independently operated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, designed to strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship through study abroad in Japan. Through the “Bridging Scholars,” we develop global leaders and cultivate a globally competent talent pipeline of the next generation’s workforce.

Bridging Scholars:

Since 1998, we have supported 2,072 U.S. undergraduate students’ cultural and educational exchanges, providing opportunities for a diverse cross-section of young adults to develop global leadership and workforce skills that will deepen their understanding of Japan and strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship. The Bridging Scholars program provides a total of over \$7,300,000 in scholarship grants of \$2,500 to \$7,500 to help academically and financially deserving U.S. students afford to study in Japan for a semester or academic year. Leveraging their study abroad experience, we also facilitate leadership development, mentoring, internship, and volunteer opportunities for students in Japan and the U.S. Bridging Scholars represent every state and study in over 40 Japanese institutions—in prefectures from the north to the south.

The pandemic disrupted Spring and Fall 2020 study abroad; therefore, the Bridging Scholars in-country program is postponed until Spring 2021 or until it is safe to resume study abroad. Meanwhile, the Bridging Foundation has partnered with other organizations and stakeholders to pilot online events geared to the 2019-2020 Bridging Scholars and alumni. We are planning a robust series of virtual events that will begin this September for all Bridging Scholars and prospective Bridging Scholars to engage them in a variety of topics related to U.S.-Japan relations; academic, career, and leadership development; and provide them access to mentors who can offer their expertise and experience in diverse pathways.

Upcoming Opportunities:

We are excited to launch our 2020 Virtual Bridging Scholars program and invite you to help us promote this series to anyone you think would be interested in U.S.-Japan relations, academic, career, and leadership development advice and mentoring—particularly students from BIPOC and under-resourced communities.

We will soon post the schedule on our website (www.bridgingfoundation.org), enews (jfalvey@jusfc.gov to sign up), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/US-Japan-Bridging-Foundation-227315497367987>), and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/USJBF>). Please forward that information to help us reach more students.

COVID-19 Best Practices:

COVID-19 provides us the opportunity to pause and innovate ways to support students’ global leadership and workforce development needs while student exchange is postponed—and to continue in some hybrid model once in-country exchange resumes. Communicating with stakeholders (philanthropic partners, other partners, alumni, board, and others) has been invaluable to share information, perspective, and resources that help us further our mission during this challenging time. This pause in the exchange coincides with a leadership transition, and together

provides an opportunity to check our systems and organizational and program structures to identify areas needing adjustments to build resilience and adaptability.

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The U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON)



The U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON) is a binational advisory panel that serves to elevate and strengthen the vital cultural and educational foundations of the U.S.-Japan relationship, and to strengthen connections between U.S. and Japan leadership in those fields. The panel members' policy recommendations work to ensure that the best of new ideas for cultural, educational and intellectual activity and exchange are implemented as operational programs. Established in 1961 to build stronger people-to-people ties between our two countries, CULCON has convened stakeholders in the U.S.-Japan relationship to encourage deeper cooperation in solving shared policy challenges, to develop better business practices, and to deepen the connections between civil society in the United States and Japan.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

Monthly Virtual Brown Bag Discussion: an opportunity to convene those involved in U.S.-Japan related activities to hear a presentation on a topic of interest, participate in small group discussions, as well as a moderated community discussion. Implemented in reaction to the COVID-19 shutdown, and will be monthly for the foreseeable future.

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U.S.-Japan Council



The U.S.-Japan Council develops and connects diverse leaders to create a stronger U.S.-Japan relationship. Founded by Japanese Americans, the Council brings together leaders of the United States and Japan from across backgrounds, sectors, and generations to partner for a better future for the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

2020:

- August 22~23, September 6 TOMODACHI Generation Global Leadership Academy: Leadership in the Face of Crisis
- August 27 Regional Women in Leadership Networking, in Tennessee featuring keynote Consul General Kayako Fukushima
- September 5 TOMODACHI Critical Conversations Series, Part II: Voices of the Japanese American Experience on Race
- September 16 USJC 2020 Signature Series, The Bilateral Boardroom: Leadership through Crisis, Lessons Learned
- October 4, 24~25, November 8, 21~22, December 19~20 TOMODACHI High School Women Career Mentoring Program
- October 15 USJC 2020 Signature Series, Members Forum
- Oct TBD Regional Women in Leadership Networking, in Kahului, Maui
- November 16-20 USJC 2020 Signature Series, Public Symposium
- December 19/20 USJC 2020 Signature Series, Next-Generation Summit

2021:

- March 6~13 Japanese American Leadership Delegation Trip
- March TOMODACHI Alumni Regional Impact for Social Empowerment (RISE) Awards Ceremony
- Spring 3.11 Memorial Event
- Spring Emerging Leaders Program Summit
- April/May TOMODACHI RISE Welcome Events
- September~December TOMODACHI RISE Theme Events
- November 2021 USJC Annual Conference (TBD)

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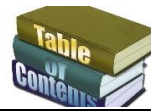
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Program our organization would like to promote:

The Bilateral Boardroom: Leadership Through Crisis, Lessons Learned

The first edition of the U.S.-Japan Council's Bilateral Boardroom will convene key decision-makers from business, government, and the civil sector in the United States and Japan for critical conversations around the theme of Leadership Through Crisis, Lessons Learned. This virtual event

will examine leadership and critical lessons from prior crises, analyze the impact of the current coronavirus pandemic from a social and economic perspective, and set the agenda for the future of the U.S.-Japan relationship. Speakers include: JPMorgan Chase & Co. Chairman & CEO Jamie Dimon, Japan Minister of Defense Taro Kono, Suntory Holdings Limited CEO Takeshi Niinami, Ford Foundation President Darren Walker, and more. For more information and to register, see here: <https://www.usjapancouncil.org/bilateral-boardroom/>



U.S.- Japan Exchange & Teaching Programme Alumni Association (USJETAA)



The mission of USJETAA is to further U.S. Japan relations by strengthening the alumni network of the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme. USJETAA provides support and resources for the 19 alumni chapters and more than 34,000 individual alumni throughout the United States, enabling alumni to contribute to the greater U.S.-Japan relationship and ‘bring Japan home’ by fostering understanding of Japanese culture in the United States.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

- Webinar Series: Monthly

USJETAA provides monthly webinars on topics relevant to the JETAA chapters and individual alumni. Chapter webinars focus on leadership and organizational support, while alumni webinars focus on professional development. Funders: The Japan Foundation CGP and CLAIR.

- Sasakawa USA/USJETAA Chapter Grant Program: May – March

USJETAA awards mini-grants to JETAA chapters and subchapters for programs on U.S.-Japan relations. With this grant, chapters have promoted Japanese culture in local communities. Funder: The Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA.

- The Microgrant Initiative for American JETs: August – July

This program provides small grants to U.S. assistant language teachers working in Japan on the JET Programme for projects that introduce American culture and English language to students in their classrooms and the local community. Funder: The U.S. Embassy Tokyo.

- The Chapter Leadership Program: August – March

The USJETAA Executive Director and members of the USJETAA Board of Directors visit JETAA chapters for leadership workshops that support chapter development. Funder: CLAIR.

- Japan Matters for America Contributor Program: Fall and Spring

Articles by JET alumni contributors are posted on the Japan Matters for America website to highlight the importance of people to people exchange and help increase Americans’ understanding

of the Japanese culture, economy, language and society. The East-West Center provides authors with a stipend upon publication.

- Career Services: Fall

This program offers career counseling sessions and resume review opportunities to JET alumni. Funder: CLAIR and the Japan Foundation CGP.

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